

The Pocahontas Times

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scola, Free Mendenhall to Johnny Groat, If there's a hole in 'a' your coat, I rede yo tent it: A chiel's amang you takin' notes, An' faith he'll prent 'a. BURNS

Local Events.

G. H. McLAUGHLIN has set up a corn grist mill in the old bowling alley.

THE case of John E. Bright vs. N. S. Duffield is set for trial before Justice Bird January 23.

THE Cincinnati Post says that a force of men will commence work on the Greenbrier River Railroad this month.

C. M. WALLACE will represent the D-riving Company in the Levees this year and W. W. Tyree at Marlinton.

PREACHING services at Sunset 4th Sabbath, January 23, at 11. At Mt Vernon, January 30, at 11, and at Mt Zion at night.

THE Buckeye team is getting ready to play Marlinton at football in the near future. Marlinton has never yet failed to raise a football team when required, and expects to come to time in this instance.

THE second trial of the "boat case" was held last Saturday before another jury and resulted in the conviction of Ott Dilley. The fine was fixed at ten dollars and costs. The boat floated off in a recent flood and there is no question now but that it is adrift.

WEBSTER county is to vote in the Fork Lick district on the propriety of appropriating the sum of \$1,000 as a subscription for the building of the Elk River Railroad, February 10th. The condition is that the road must be in operation first day of November 1898.

R. W. HILL and E. L. Beard have bought the William H. Overholt lands in this county, having paid off the lien due Captain Alex. Mathews. Last Tuesday William Baxter, of Edray, went to look at the Locust Creek mill property with a view of buying it.

THE S. J. Payne road case was not decided by the county court of Greenbrier, but was referred to the circuit court by a sort of general consent, and a decision is expected at the April term as to whether the Pocahontas people are to get a better road for their money or not.

Mrs Eugenia Harmon, wife of A. W. Harmon, Treasurer of the State of Virginia, died near Lexington, Va., last week. She was a daughter of the late Colonel Warwick Cameron, and has many relatives in this county. She leaves ten children to mourn their bereavement. Mrs Warwick Cameron lives in Lexington, and is about 84 years of age.

THE County Clerk has received a letter from H. M. Wilson, of the Geological Survey of West Virginia, asking the address of a stone-cutter, whom he wishes to prepare two stones, rough-dressed sandstone, 6 inches square by 3 feet 6 inches in length, for azimuth marks. They are to be placed in the court-house yard, from 300 to 500 feet apart, and will mark the true meridian, and enable surveyors to adjust their compasses properly.

THE report was prevalent here last Monday, that immediate preparations were being made to move the Buckhannon saw-mill to the forks of Greenbrier River in advance of the railroad. The manner in which the report came is that John Holland of Green Bank, has arrived from Buckhannon where he saw Capt Wm. Hevener, the contractor, who is advertising for forty four-horse teams to move the machinery from Buckhannon. The mill will be transported there by rail. This is one of the best equipped mills in the State and fact that Col McGraw is the owner and a citizen of Green Bank has gone to Buckhannon to see about the contract. The job should be done by Pocahontas teams.

THE Colored Republic in the Brush is meditating all sorts of legal actions against Howard Tibbs the head trustee of the public school. The stove in the school-house had recently been condemned and the board of education had allowed a new one. The old one was coveted by nearly every family in the Brush, as it was large and a good burner—and the colored people of that neighborhood have wood to burn. It was ordered by the trustees that the stove be put up for public auction, and the head trustee was appointed to post proper notices. These had been written by a friendly scrivener and as he was on the rounds posting them he met a citizen who made an offer for the stove. As the trustee thought it too little he refused it. He met Joe Wilson next, and Joe's oily tongue and persuasive manners, together with his liberal offer, secured the stove, which he moved to his house, while the trustee went on posting the notices. The day of sale draws near, and the neighborhood demands that on that day the head trustee shall have the stove there to be sold at public auction, or he may have to answer for malfeasance in office.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Henry Dawson, of Alvon, was in town Monday.

Mrs E. I. Holt is still very ill at her home at Academy.

Miss Lillie Friel took charge of the Marlinton school last Monday.

T. A. Sydensticker and J. W. Beard were in town Tuesday.

E. H. Moore, traveling for a Baltimore house, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. H. W. McLaughlin has moved from Prince to Hampton, Va., where he is pastor of a city charge.

Rev. C. M. Caldwell, the Presbyterian pastor of the four churches in upper Pocahontas, has gone to his old home in Kentucky for a rest and hoped restoration to health.

William Sharp, Esq., of Edray, severely injured his foot with an ax while brushing one day last week. He is doing quite well. Preston Baxter, a young farmer near Edray, met with a similar accident and is also laid up for repairs.

Captain A. M. Edgar has returned from the Johns Hopkins hospital greatly improved in health. Amputation was thought to be necessary at one time, but it was finally decided that the hand could be saved.

Don't Believe It.

Mr David Wilfong, of Top Alleghany, while out hunting recently on the North Fork of the Greenbrier River, saw what he thought was an o'possum swimming in a shallow place in the river, but on shooting and rescuing his game it proved to be a pike which weighed 52 pounds. Mr James Hevener, who recently returned from West Virginia, brought the head of the fish with him, and it is now in the possession of Mr Lynn Sullenberger.—Highland Recorder.

It's a wrong time of year for fish stories. A fifty-pound fish would be six or seven feet long, and it might be mistaken for a deer, but an o'possum never.

Marriage.

"Those whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder." These words were spoken in the union of Mr James A. Reed and Miss Elva A. Friel in the holy bonds of matrimony, on the 12th of January, at 5-30 P. M., at the home of the bride by Rev B. L. Parrot. Immediately after the marriage and congratulations received, all were invited to the dining-room where a table had been prepared for a wedding occasion, decorated with flowers and evergreens and supplied with a good, wholesome supper. The bride received many valuable presents from her friends, showing that she was not forgotten in this her time of rejoicing. May their happiness continue through life; and on entering the new and untried path, may they fix their eyes upon Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." B. L. P.

Letter From the Rev Moses May.

To the Editor of The Times.—Please allow me to say through your excellent paper that the boys M. E. South evangelist did not hold a series of meetings at Sue, as stated in your issue of the 7th of January. He simply passed thro our neighborhood, stopping over night on the 27th of December at the home of J. A. Gum, saying that he was on his way to Clifton Forge, to see his wife and very sick child; that he wanted to get his horse shod and an early start next morning. These favors were extended to him, but some time was consumed at the blacksmith shop, the morning being very cold, so that he got started from the shop at 11 o'clock. There were a series of meetings held here recently conducted by Rev J. A. Perry, Rev Howard Underwood, and your humble servant, resulting in about 29 professions; but we don't want to be mixed up with the distinguished evangelist.

We were not surprised at his speedy return in charge of Dawson and Beard, as we had heard that there was a warrant out for him before he stopped over night with us. We identified him as the one-handed fugitive. But withal we asked him to hold prayer, which he did. His prayer was without system, that is—adoration, petition, thanksgiving, and in order, indicating that he is not intelligent enough to have been ordained by any Bishop or Conference.

Blue Spring district is just Blue Spring neighborhood, composed of two or three Republicans. This community was carried solidly for the Republicans in 1896, and will be again in 1900, no matter who is their candidate or what kind of platform they may get out. It may declare for just any thing—silver or gold, brass or copper, steel or pot-metal,—just so it called Republican that is all that is needed to get their votes.

Yours respectfully, M. MAY.

Notice to Creditors.

Creditors of the estate of J. W. McAlpin, dec'd, will present their claims to the undersigned administrator for adjustment. LEVI GAY, Jan 12, '98. Late S. P. C. Admr.

TOP OF ALLEGHANY.

Mrs Lottie Slaton, who has been ill for some time, is a little better. Samuel Spencer wears a big smile—a boy!

Jesse Roxdross moved to the Robert Slaton farm, owned by W. B. Freeman.

Mrs Bettie Hoover returned to her home in Pendleton, Wednesday, after a stay of three weeks.

Santa Claus visited W. F. Wilfong's home Xmas night, and among the presents was a ten pound girl.

John Hevener who has been in the West for several months was at this place last Thursday.

Miss Rhoda Tracy is at home for a short stay from Traveler's Rest where she has been staying for a long time.

James Kerr, Samuel Spencer and J. D. Wilmouth were appointed to view and locate a road, starting at Laban Wilfong's residence and intersecting the Staunton and Parkersburg Pike near W. L. Wilmouth's. Their report is favorable.

DILLEY'S MILL.

Feed is plentiful and stock wintering well.

Mrs Margaret Carpenter returned to her home on Monday.

Prof G. E. Moore's school is closed, owing to his sickness.

A literary society has been organized at Prof Lantz's school.

George E. Moore has been very sick with pneumonia, but is improving at this writing.

John Grimes and F. M. Dilley were at Millboro last week with a load of poultry.

We have not seen any copies of "The First Battle" in this part. We think it a dead issue anyway.

A. W. Curry, of Brown's Creek, is moving to Frost in Dr Barnett's property.

Hayes Grimes was married on the 12th of January to Miss Turner, near Driftwood, and was honored by a serenade of fifty or more.

Hanson Sharp, now of southern Texas, remembered the home folks with some nice presents during the holidays.

The talk is the railroad will go down Knapp's Creek and there will be a depot on the Gibson farm,—yet all signs fail in hot weather.

Yours, SINDY.

KNAPPS CREEK.

Mrs J. C. Harper and family spent last week at P. M. Harper's.

The debate at Cove Hill, Friday night, was fine with T. M. Gum on the bench.

Mrs Zane Moore selleth her turgkeys, catteth a few carpet rags and setteth the blue hen.

Billy Bussard and A. W. Curry will soon be ready to get building cars for the new railroad.

Any one bothered with frosted feet should put a biscuit and a piece of bear meat in their shoes at night. A sure cure!

All who attended the Reed-Friel wedding from this part, came back feeling that it was good for them to be there.

It is said that all lawyers are liars, but Price says not so, its the horse traders. The lawyers should be cleared of such a low trick.

J. L. and Everett Herold have returned from Highland County, where they have been visiting relatives.

I. B. Moore returned from the eastern market last week, bringing a fine lot of two year old cattle with him. He feeds his horse and cattle as usual.

It raineth, it snoweth, the water raiseth, the mud splasheth, and Peyton Moore taketh the pups and goeth to the Green Bank district to visit his prospective relatives.

John Andy, the road overseer, had better look after some dead timber that stands along his section of road, or he might get his name in the paper after the April court.

FELIX.

At Payne Bros., Academy, Salt @ \$2 per sack.

CONGRESSMAN DORR made his maiden speech before the House last week in the discussion of the civil service bill. The newspapers said some very rude things about that still small voice.

CONGRESSMAN DORR has introduced a bill to pension Isaac W. Allen, of this county, a captain of an independent company at \$25 per month. Also to build a public building at Hinton costing \$75,000.

MR H. M. LOCKRIDGE wishes us to state that he was compelled to resign the duties of principal of the Marlinton school by the press of duties in the line of his regular profession, and that his relationship with the school was of the pleasantest character.

JANUARY is the time for swearing off drinking, using profane language, etc. In January every one has to balance his account and find out how much he owes, and coming to time—I ask my numerous customers to come and settle their bill. It does not matter how small the account may seem to you, it amounts to a good deal with me. P. GOLDEN.

BEST grade of roller flour at J. D. Pullin's at \$2 1/2 per pound.

HORSE-THIEF NO. 3 ARRESTED.

All Our Horse-Thieves are Now Present and Accounted for.

It again becomes our painful duty to write up the particulars of a horse-stealing affair. There are now three prisoners in jail at Marlinton all charged with stealing horses, at different times and from different men since the last sitting of the grand jury. As the "Rev" John H. Ratliff remarked grimly when they brought John Wilfong to jail last Thursday, that horse-stealing was so common in this county, he thought the judge could do nothing less than give them all the full limit. He seemed to imply that had he known the stealing of horses was so overdone in Pocahontas that he would not have indulged in it. He sent the Pocahontas Times word that it could "let up" on him a little, and pay attention to the latest addition to the Horse Appropriator's Association in winter quarters at the jail.

Wilfong stole John R. Warwick's horse at Green Bank, November 19th. The officers followed and first obtained trace of him at New Hampden, Highland County, Virginia. There he had stopped at the halter-strap when he first took the horse out of the owner's stable. They followed about seventy miles farther and found the horse in the possession of Isaac Hoover, Rockingham County, Virginia. Hoover had given \$36 for the horse. He surrendered the property at once.

Wilfong went to Harrisonburg, where he took the train. This was the last heard of him until he turned up in Bluefield, Mercer county. The capture was a very neat piece of detective work on the part of Samuel Sheets, deputy sheriff. His information was meager, but he understood that Wilfong had been corresponding with a young woman of Bluefield. While every one thought that he had returned to the West, the deputy regarded the story of this correspondence as a valuable clue, and wrote to the postmaster at Bluefield to apprehend Wilfong if he turned up there. The result was that he heard from the police of Bluefield that the man was in jail awaiting his pleasure. He made a trip to that place by way of Hot Springs and brought the prisoner to jail.

Wilfong secured S. B. Scott, Jr., as counsel, and demanded a preliminary examination. This was set for next Saturday, the 22d.

The State was in that position not uncommon in law, of being unable to prove that which everyone believes, with the evidence on hand; and consequently the day for the examination had to be deferred until there was time to secure the blacksmith at New Hampden and Isaac Hoover, of Rockingham County.

Wilfong's case is the most aggravated of any. He succeeded in disposing of the horse and realizing a considerable sum of money, and led the officers and owner a long chase.

From the report brought back by the deputy, Wilfong would in a few days have added bigamy to his achievements in this life. Miss Mollie Swivelmarker, of Bluefield, wished to change her name, and advertised in what is known as a matrimonial journal for a husband. Wilfong responded, and an interesting correspondence ensued. When the time came for a visit to the lady he had no money and his vestment badly worn for a courtship man. Wilfong is a married man with a wife and six children

living it must be remembered, and so he knew what he had to do. He took the horse to keep his trust. When he got to the depot he converted it into money and bought good clothes. He was having a high time in Bluefield, and the lady was trying to dispose of her house and lot so that they would have money for the affair.

The arrest was made by Police man Allan Brown, who attended school at Academy the session of 1887-'8, at the time his brother Professor C. A. Brown was principal of the school. It was reported last fall that he was dying of a gun-shot wound received from the hands of a negro whom he arrested. He has recovered entirely. When he arrested Wilfong he was told that he was wanted in Pocahontas for stealing a horse. Wilfong quickly answered: "O I can prove myself clear of that!" All will allow that this was a most unusual statement for an innocent man (in the eyes of the law) to make. He was supposed to have been informed for the first time that he was under suspicion.

Wilfong is connected with the Wilfong family of this county. Honesty is a failing with them, but this one is the black sheep. His widowed mother lived near Green Bank with a large family. Some of the children were blind. She died about twenty years ago, and the children found homes with those who took them to raise. John Wilfong was taken by S. M. Wise, of Ottobine, Virginia, and raised by him. He married there and went to live in Monticello, Iowa. He was "visiting relatives" in Pocahontas from November 1 to 18, when he is accused of taking the horse. He is twenty-nine years old; 5 feet 6 inches in height, 147 pounds in weight; auburn hair, red complexion.

The idiot claims to be an infidel, differing from "Rev" John H. Ratliff, who he spirits away horses in the night time does not think he has fallen from grace. He carries the doctrine of election to the penitentiary with him.

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The Levels News.

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—The late election held at this place this month resulted in the election of B. C. Hill, mayor; J. H. Clark, recorder; E. I. Holt, G. W. Callison, Dr F. T. McClintic, A. R. Smith, and W. M. Burns, councilmen.

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